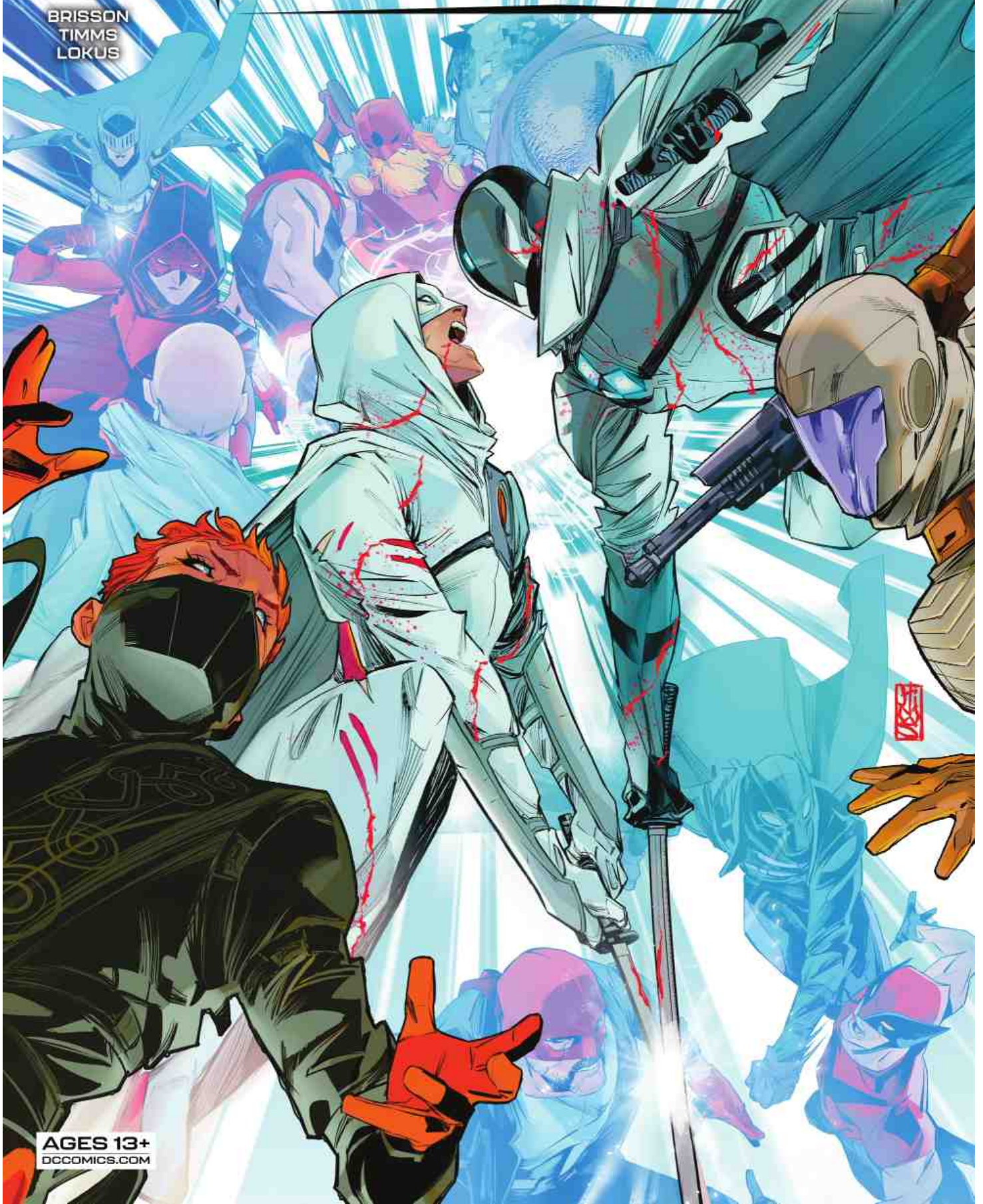




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STORYTELLING
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**DAWN OF
DC**

**NEW EPIC
SERIES**

**NEW
CREATIVE
TEAMS**

**NEW
BATTLES
TO FIGHT**

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SOMEWHERE OVER
THE PACIFIC OCEAN.

GHOST-MAKER...

...CLOWNHUNTER'S
TRACKING DEVICE
HAS COME BACK
ONLINE.

WHERE IS
THAT LITTLE
GHOST-MAKER?

ACCORDING
TO HIS
TRACKER...

...HE'S BACK AT
HEADQUARTERS.



BATMAN
INCORPORATED,
THIS IS GHOST-
MAKER.

I'M
HEADED BACK TO
HEADQUARTERS.

WHAT'S YOUR
SITREP?



IN HEDLEY STILL.
DR. LENTZ IS
DEAD.

WE'RE--

HEDLEY, BRITISH
COLUMBIA, CANADA.



AGGGGGH!



--ATTEMPTING
TO APPREHEND THE
KILLER. GOES BY THE
NAME FISSURE.



DON'T
ATTEMPT.
DO.

I
HATE THAT
MAN.

YOUR COMM
IS STILL ON,
EL GAUCHO.

I AM
AWARE.



MOSCOW,
RUSSIA.

KNIGHT?



IN THE
MIDDLE OF SOMETHING,
GHOST-MAKER.

WE
ALL ARE.
SITREP.

THE SITREP
IS THAT I'M GETTING
MY ARSE KICKED BY LEX'S
MISSING BHUTRAN BATMAN
EXPERIMENT.

GOES BY
THE NAME THE
FALLEN.

SHE'S GOT
A SOLID ENOUGH
REASON FOR WANTING
YER OLD SPY TEACHER
DEAD.

A LESS
VIRTUOUS
VIGILANTE MIGHT'VE
JUST LET HER HAVE
AT IT.



TO
TOP IT ALL
OFF...



...WINGMAN
WENT AND GOT
HIMSELF
ROOFIED.

IF THAT'S
ALL, I'D LIKE
TO GET BACK
INTO THIS
FIGHT.

CARRY
ON.





YOU
TIRED
YET?

I
DO NOT
TIRE.



I DO NOT WANT TO FIGHT YOU,
BUT AVERY CANNOT BE ALLOWED
TO LEAVE HERE ALIVE.

MY PEOPLE
ARE *DEPENDING* ON
ME TO MAKE HER PAY FOR
WHAT SHE DID TO US.



IF SHE REALLY DID SELL SECRETS
THAT GOT YOUR PEOPLE KILLED,
THEN SHE *WILL* PAY.

I *PROMISE*
YOU THAT.



YOUR BOSS
SENT YOU TO
PROTECT A MASS
MURDERER. YOU
OBEYED.

YOUR
PROMISES MEAN
NOTHING!



WAIT.

JUST...ONE
SECOND...



WE...IN
ALL OF THIS...
WE...

AVERY...



EN ROUTE.



BATMAN INCORPORATED HQ,
UNDISCLOSED LOCATION.





YOU LOOK
LIKE YOU'VE SEEN
A *GHOST*.



CENTRAL SURINAME NATIONAL RESERVE

MY FIGHT
ISN'T WITH YOU,
BATMAN OF
JAPAN.

I CAME
TO DO WHAT
I NEEDED, AND
NOW, I AM READY
TO TAKE MY
LEAVE.

THERE ARE
OTHERS...HUNDREDS,
THOUSANDS...WHO
NEED OUR HELP.

THERE IS
NO REASON WE
SHOULD BE WASTING
OUR ENERGY ON
ONE ANOTHER.

WE ALL
WANT THE SAME
THING...

...EVEN IF OUR
METHODOLOGIES
DIFFER.

MURDER...

...WHATEVER
THE REASON...

SNIFT

...IS STILL
MURDER.



YOU
SON OF
A--



JIRO,
ARE YOU
OKAY?

PEACHY.



FRANK OATES
WAS GOING TO
KILL YOU. I
SAVED YOU.

I EXTENDED
MY HAND.

I EXPLAINED
MY MISSION.

AND
STILL YOU
ATTACKED.

LET IT
BE KNOWN, I
GAVE YOU EVERY
OPPORTUNITY.



WHAT...
IS THAT...?



MY
BACKUP.









"YEARS AGO,
I HEARD OF THE
BATMAN IN GOTHAM.

"FIGURED OL'
DUBLIN COULD USE
A BIT O' THE SAME.

"DUBLIN COPS WERE *LESS*
THAN USELESS. SOMEONE
HAD TO DO *SOMETHING*.

"THE FELLAS I TOOK DOWN MAYBE
WEREN'T *NEAR AS COLORFUL* AS
BATMAN'S ARMY OF BADDIES, BUT THAT
DIDN'T MEAN I WASN'T MAKIN' A DENT IN
THE CITY'S RAMPANT CRIME RATE.

"SOME OF THE LOCAL GANGSTERS
DIDN'T TAKE *TOO KINDLY* TO IT,
THOUGH. I WAS CUTTIN' *TOO DEEP*
INTO THEIR POCKETS AND SO THEY
ALL POOLED TOGETHER AND...

"I WAS *TOO*
YOUNG AND
TOO COCKY TO
KNOW WHAT I
DIDN'T KNOW.

"...HIRED YOUR
BOY TOMMY
TIVANE TO TAKE
ME DOWN.

"MY WHOLE WORLD
COLLAPSED THEN."



"TOMMY LEFT
ME PARALYZED."

"AND BECAUSE THE
POLICE LIKED VIGILANTES
EVEN LESS THAN THE
LOCAL MOBS DID..."



"...I WAS CHARGED AND **SHIPPED
TO PRISON**. FIVE YEARS CAGED
UP WITH THE WORST THAT
IRELAND HAS TO OFFER."



"MANY OF THEM
THERE BECAUSE I'D
PUT THEM THERE.
OTHERS WHOSE
**BOYFRIENDS OR
DADDIES I'D**
PUT AWAY."

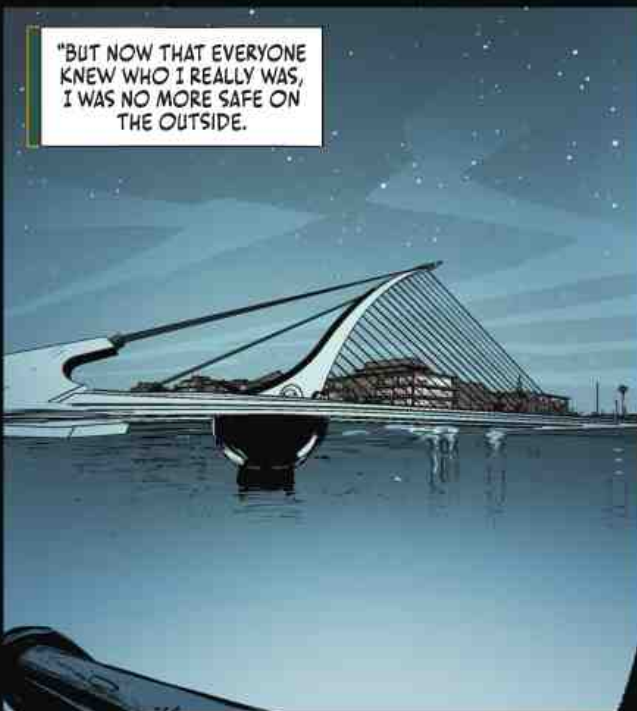


"ALL OF THEM HAPPY
TO PAY ME BACK FOR
THE WRONGS THEY
THOUGHT I'D
DONE THEM."

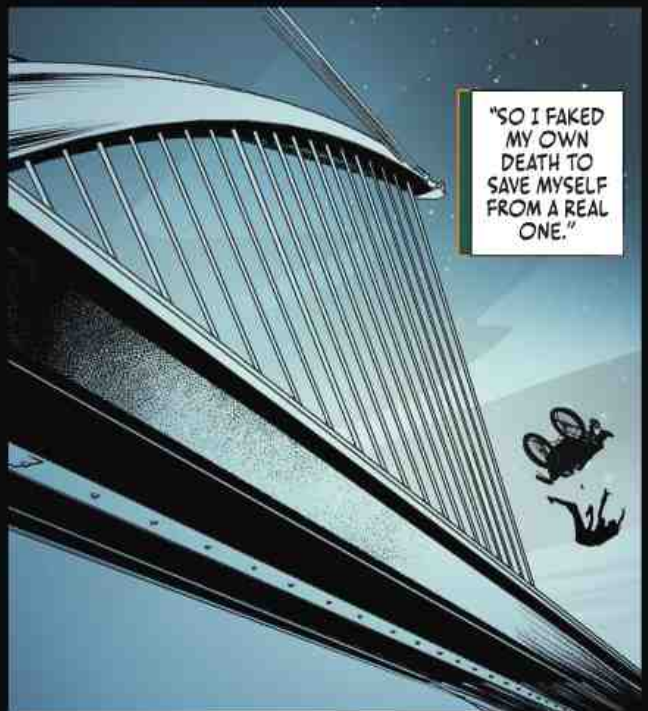


"THE LORD MUSTA BEEN
SHININ' DOWN ON ME
BECAUSE I SOMEHOW
SURVIVED THAT HELL."

"BUT NOW THAT EVERYONE
KNEW WHO I REALLY WAS,
I WAS NO MORE SAFE ON
THE OUTSIDE."



"SO I FAKED
MY OWN
DEATH TO
SAVE MYSELF
FROM A REAL
ONE."



"WITH THE WORLD
THINKIN' I WAS DEAD, I
COULD START AGAIN.

"BUILT MYSELF AN
EXO-SKELETON SO
I COULD GET BACK
ON MY FEET.

"ALL THAT TIME INSIDE,
REFLECTIN' ON WHAT HAD
HAPPENED TO ME, ONLY
SERVED TO FIRE ME UP.

"THINKIN' OF TOMMY
TIVANE OUT THERE...
FREE...WELL, IT KEPT ME
GOIN'. KEPT ME HUNTIN'.

"I FOUND OUT
HE'D BEEN DOIN'
SOME WORK FOR
PALLADIUM, SO I
FOLLOWED HIM
FOR A BIT.

"THERE WAS NO SIGN
OF OL' TOMMY, BUT I
FOUND SOMETHIN'
ELSE INSTEAD.

"I SAW YOU TURNIN'
YER BACK ON
PHANTOM-ONE.

"LEAVIN' HIM
TO DIE."



"IT BROKE
MY HEART
TO SEE."



"I NURSED THAT BOY BACK TO
HEALTH. SET HIS BONES AND
STITCHED HIM UP WITH WHAT
LITTLE TRAININ' I HAD."



"I'M STILL NOT SURE IF IT WAS MY HELP OR HIS
BURNIN' DESIRE TO RIGHT THE WRONG
YOU'D BROUGHT UPON HIM THAT HEALED HIM."

"EITHER WAY,
PHANTOM-ONE HAD
MORE HEART THAN
ANYONE I'D MET BEFORE.
IT WASN'T HIS TIME AND
HE *KNEW* IT."



"THEN, WHEN WE SAW THAT
YOU WERE IN GOTHAM... THAT
YOU WERE BEING LAUDED AS A
HERO... WE KNEW WE COULDN'T
SIT BACK NO MORE."

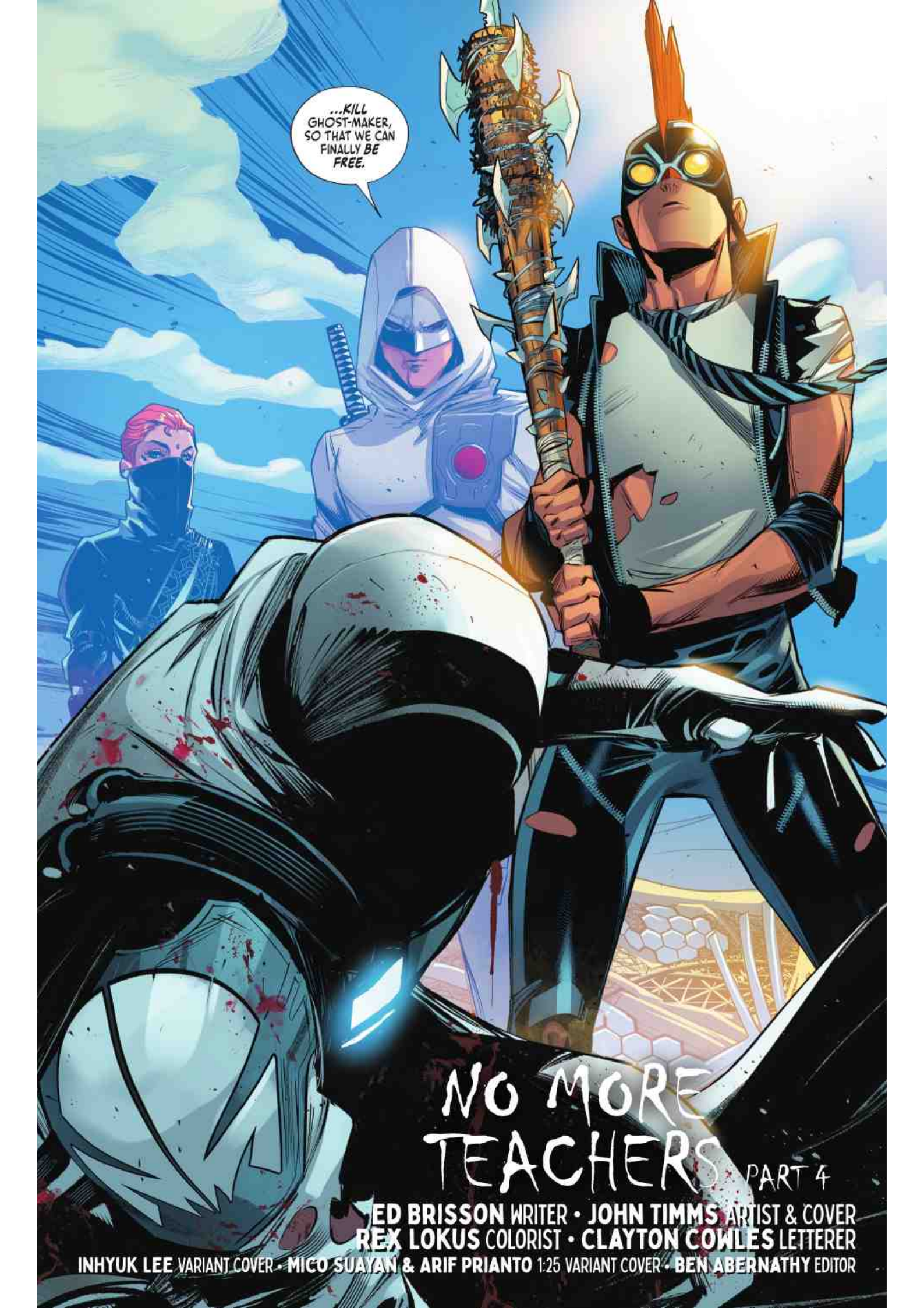


"YOU HAD TO
BE *STOPPED*."



"YOU HAD TO BE *EXPOSED*
FOR THE MONSTER YOU
TRULY ARE."





...KILL
GHOST-MAKER,
SO THAT WE CAN
FINALLY BE
FREE.

NO MORE TEACHERS

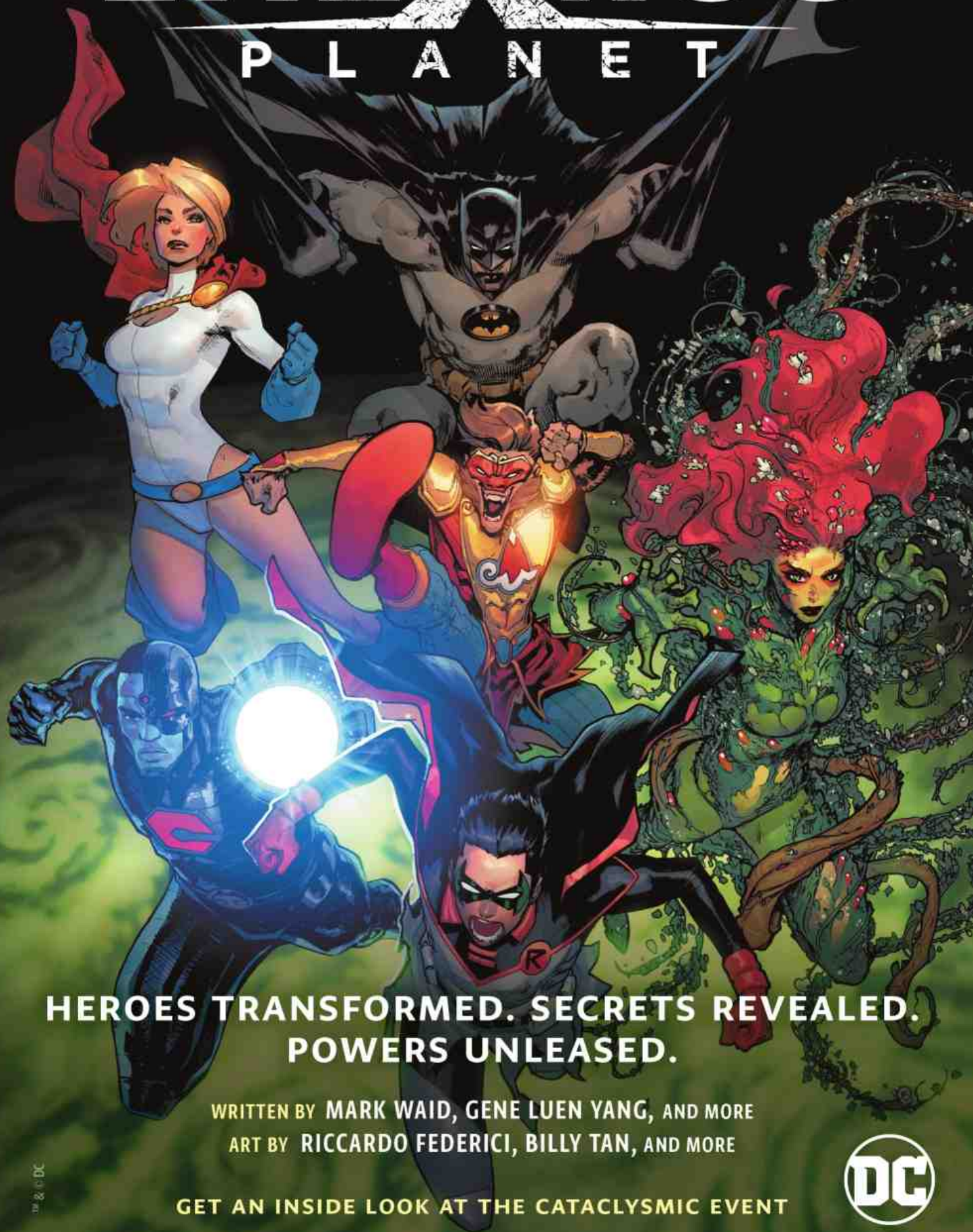
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**HEROES TRANSFORMED. SECRETS REVEALED.
POWERS UNLEASHED.**

WRITTEN BY MARK WAID, GENE LUEN YANG, AND MORE
ART BY RICCARDO FEDERICI, BILLY TAN, AND MORE

GET AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE CATAclysmic EVENT



"NEW HEROES WILL BE BORN AND EXISTING HEROES' POWERS WILL BE CHANGED FOREVER."

In the climax of December's *Batman vs. Robin* #4, a Lazarus Volcano erupts, spewing dangerous and transformative chemicals into Earth's atmosphere.

"That much magic can't be contained—so when it erupts it spews out Lazarus Resin and creates a violent 'rainstorm' that covers the world," explains Mark Waid, the superstar writer and architect of the DC Universe: Lazarus Planet event.

Waid has been no stranger to the DC Universe this past year, penning the bestselling series *Batman/Superman: World's Finest* and *Batman vs. Robin*, which set the stage for this event, beginning in January's *Lazarus Planet: Alpha* #1.

"In *Batman/Superman: World's Finest*, we introduced the Devil Nezha, an ancient evil that could be contained only within the tomb on a remote island," Waid says. "Once our heroes sealed him inside, we sprung the surprise reveal—the tomb is on Lazarus Island. Then in *Batman vs. Robin*, we learn that Mother Soul, Damian's great-grandmother on his al Ghul side, has been searching for Nezha and used Damian to unleash him once more."



"NEZHA IS A TRICKSTER GOD WHO OFTEN DANCES ON THAT LINE BETWEEN GOOD AND EVIL."

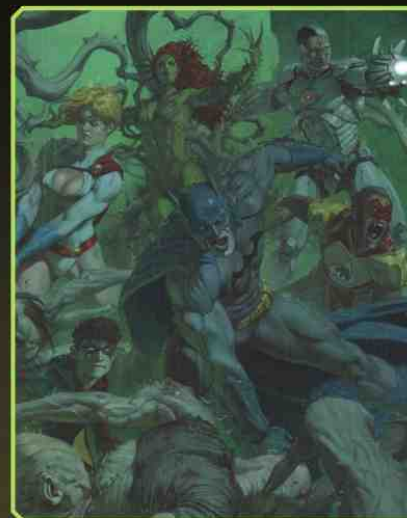
Helping craft the two-month Lazarus Planet event alongside Waid will be *Monkey Prince* writer Gene Luen Yang. "Traditionally, Nezha is a trickster god who often dances on that line between good and evil," Yang says. "In *Batman/Superman: World's Finest*, Mark brought him into the DC Universe and specifically tied him into elements of the Batman mythos."



The Lazarus Volcano will make its rumblings known throughout the DC Universe in a series of one-shots helmed by all-star talent, including Francis Manapul, Phillip Kennedy Johnson, Leah Williams, Max Dunbar, Clayton Henry, Tim Seeley, and Marguerite Sauvage. Fan-favorite heroes throughout the DC Universe will be heavily invested in uncovering the secrets behind the Lazarus Resin.

"Power Girl is part of the team that tries to free Earth's magical artifacts from the Tower of Fate, where Nezha has imprisoned them," Waid explains. "Poison Ivy, on the other hand, is part of the team exploring one of Ra's al Ghul's mountain headquarters looking for clues to counteract the resin. Ra's was aware of her background as a brilliant biochemist who, like him, is eager to reestablish a working ecosystem before our planet succumbs to global war."

"THE WRITERS AND ARTISTS ARE EMBRACING THAT FREEDOM TO DO SOME OF THE BEST WORK..."



"The writers and artists are embracing that freedom to do some of the best work I've seen in a long time," Waid continues. "Everyone's been incredibly cooperative and willing to toss ideas back and forth to make their own stories even better."

The full scope of the story starts out in *Lazarus Planet: Alpha* and continues in the one-shot tie-ins *Lazarus Planet: Assault on Krypton*, *Lazarus Planet: We Were Once Gods*, *Lazarus Planet: Dark Fate*, *Lazarus Planet: Next Evolution*, and *Lazarus Planet: Legends Reborn*—all leading to the fateful finale in *Lazarus Planet: Omega* and the aftermath in *Lazarus Planet: Revenge of the Gods*.



After the events of Lazarus Planet, the gods of the Multiverse decide to take down the heroes they once called champions and the world they've sworn to protect.

The team of gods is led by Earth-0's wizard Shazam, who has been granted a vision from the Lazarus Resin the likes of which he has never seen before.

As if major changes to existing heroes and the introduction of all-new ones weren't enough, Lazarus Planet has a ton of surprises in store for even the most hardcore DC fan. "There's a fusion of Cyborg and Blue Beetle, a key role for Blue Devil, the mightiest bolt of Shazam lightning in history, Swamp Thing vs. Nezha, and a really, really, really ugly turn for Batman," Waid teases.

"Mark's premise for Lazarus Planet is so fun, the rest of us can't help but respond with all the creativity we can muster," Yang says. "Even as a fan, I can't wait to read what everyone's come up with."





LAZARUS RAINS DOWN!



LAZARUS PLANET: ASSAULT ON KRYPTON

Written by: Nicole Maines, C.S. Pacat, Frank Barbiere, and Leah Williams

Art by: Skylar Patridge, Scott Godlewski, Sami Basri, and Marguerite Sauvage

With the world in chaos and Lazarus raining from the skies, the Earth's protectors from Krypton are hit hard, and the heroes will never be the same again.

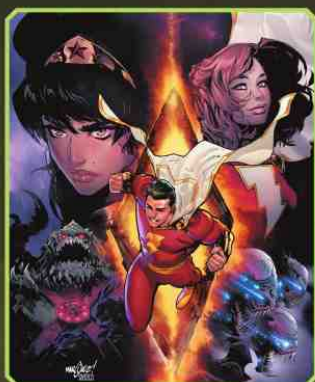


LAZARUS PLANET: NEXT EVOLUTION

Written by: Ram V, Brandon T. Snider, Chuck Brown, and Delilah S. Dawson

Art by: Lalit Kumar Sharma, Laura Braga, Alitha Martinez and Mark Morales, and Ro Stein and Ted Brandt

Amazing new powers have been gifted to the freedom fighters of the future. What perils will these villain-vanquishing virtuosos face alongside a brand-new legend, The Vigil?



LAZARUS PLANET: WE WERE ONCE GODS

Written by: Francis Manapul, Dan Watters, Phillip Kennedy Johnson, and Josie Campbell

Art by: Francis Manapul, Max Dunbar, Jack Herbert, and Caitlin Yarsky

The gods are in for some big changes as Lazarus rain beats down upon the Earth. Explore the Lazarus Planet's effect on DC Universe's extraordinary creatures and locations involving the Shazam Family and the Rock of Eternity.

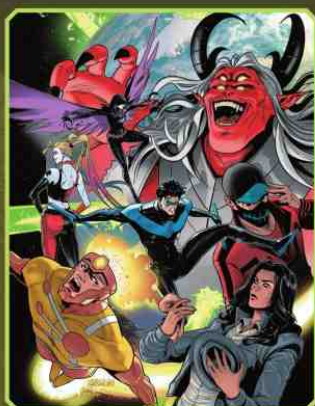


LAZARUS PLANET: DARK FATE

Written by: Tim Seeley, Dennis Culver, A.L. Kaplan, and Alyssa Wong

Art by: Baldemar Rivas, Chris Burnham, A.L. Kaplan, and Haining

Who are the new villains created by the Lazarus rain and what heroes can stop them? A sinister threat will bring a new chapter to the Doom Patrol while a new danger lurks in the dark corners of the Spirit World for new character Xanthe?



LAZARUS PLANET: LEGENDS REBORN

Written by: Alex Segura, Greg Pak, Alex Paknadel, and Dennis Culver

Art by: Clayton Henry, Minkyu Jung, Christopher Mitten, and Jesús Merino

Heroes and villains long forgotten return! Nightwing and the new hero City Boy go on a quest to save Gotham from a surge of fantastical power that will affect the DC Universe forevermore!

LAZARUS PLANET: REVENGE OF THE GODS (COVER COMING SOON)

Written by: G. Willow Wilson

Art by: Cian Tormey & Caitlin Yarsky

The wizard Shazam has teamed up with the Quintessence to regain control of their champions. Shazam and Wonder Woman must work together and defeat the gods as they risk losing their powers for good.

DC NATION SPOTLIGHT ON

DC UNIVERSE LAZARUS PLANET CHECKLIST

JANUARY

- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Alpha* #1
- ☐ *Monkey Prince* #10
- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Assault on Krypton* #1
- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: We Once Were Gods* #1
- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Legends Reborn* #1

FEBRUARY

- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Next Evolution* #1
- ☐ *Monkey Prince* #11
- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Dark Fate* #1
- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Omega* #1
- ☐ *Batman vs. Robin* #5

MARCH

- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Revenge of the Gods* #1
- ☐ *Wonder Woman* #797
- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Revenge of the Gods* #2

APRIL

- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Revenge of the Gods* #3
- ☐ *Wonder Woman* #798
- ☐ *Lazarus Planet: Revenge of the Gods* #4

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The Last Kryptonian-DCP

